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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2002/03-2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	<b>State Highway, Local Highway and Transit Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adds, modifies or deletes various projects with various funding sources in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. See enclosure.</li></ul>

These changes, which were submitted as an amendment update to the SCAG's 2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), are approved as Amendment No. 1 to the SCAG's 2002/03-2007/08 FTIP. I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 1 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the SCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are not currently in the

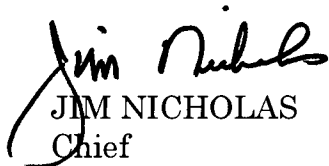
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California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with SCAG's Intergovernmental Review (IGR) process.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholas", is written over the printed name.

JIM NICHOLAS  
Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Mark Brucker - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jim Sims - Southern California Association of Governments
- Rosemary Ayala - Southern California Association of Governments
- Muhaned Aljabiry - Caltrans
- Sandra Balmir - FHWA, LA Office